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# **SUPERMAN** IN **SUPER COMICS**

**HURRY!  
FREE ME!  
ONLY I KNOW  
HOW TO SAVE  
THE EARTH  
FROM THOSE  
MAGICAL  
MONSTERS!**



**ROBIN**  
GUEST STARS  
WITH SUPERMAN  
& THE BATMAN  
"MAGIC" MENACE  
THIS WAY COMES!"





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## From the Editor.

### THE SUPERMAN'S CLAN

A survey shows that all the people who grow violent and who harass others are people who are never happy. This was a well-known truth. Modern research in psychology only confirms the fact.

One of the surest ways to be happy is to make others happy. That is what the Superman does in his own way. We may not, cannot and need not follow his way. There are numerous other ways of doing a similar thing. From helping a blind man to cross the street to participating in any mission that does good to the society, we can choose any way and reap the harvest of joy ourselves. The Superman's clan can thus enlarge.

# COMING

A bad fairy tale .... or a Child's nightmare — In **"THE INNOCENT WHO HATED!"**

Green Arrow — In **LOST IN THE OZONE**

The Secret Life of Lex Luthor — In **THE HERO FOR A DAY ...?**

## LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Today's newspapers are full of horror. Not imaginary horror, but real ones. There are riots, loots, murders, robbery and even deliberate burning of human beings.

After I have finished reading a newspaper, I feel invariably depressed. This is happening to many others, I know for certain.

That is why I look forward to the fortnightly arrival of the Superman publication with eagerness. It boosts my morale and gives me the faith that there is always an antidote to the evil. Long live the Superman and his comrades.

—Madhumita Rao,  
Bombay.

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TOGETHER!

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THE TEEN WONDER

**BATMAN**  
Created by  
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SUPERMAN! BATMAN! I'M TRAPPED!--  
FREE ME! HELP ME SAVE THE  
EARTH!

GASP! THESE IMPOSSIBLE  
MAGIC CREATURES ARE  
HOLDING US AT  
BAY--

--AND IF WE  
CAN'T BREAK  
FREE, ROBIN--  
AND THE EARTH--  
WILL DIE!

IT BEGINS WITH  
AN EERIE MESSAGE  
SENT IN A DREAM  
... AND LEADS  
TO A BIZARRE  
DIMENSION WHERE  
MAGIC REPLACES  
SCIENCE AS THE  
NATURAL ORDER!  
JOIN US FOR A  
THRILLING TRIP  
INTO FANTASY,  
WHEN THE...

**MAGIC MENACE  
THIS WAY COMES!**

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THE EARLIEST HOURS OF DAWN IN GOTHAM CITY, AND IN HIS PENTHOUSE APARTMENT, BRUCE WAYNE TOSSES IN THE THROES OF A NIGHTMARE...

MOAN!...ROBIN...  
BURIED ALIVE...

BATMAN, PLEASE...  
HELP ME!



I'M TRAPPED IN  
HERE--CAN'T GET  
OUT!

HELP ME, BATMAN!  
DON'T LET ME DIE  
BEFORE IT'S TOO  
LATE!



BRRR! WHAT  
A DREAM!  
I DON'T  
OFTEN HAVE  
NIGHTMARES--  
AND THIS ONE  
SEEMED SO  
REAL!

THINK I'LL GIVE  
ROBIN A CALL  
LATER TODAY--  
JUST TO MAKE  
ME FEEL  
BETTER!



SOMETIME LATER IN METROPOLIS, A GANG OF CRIMINALS FLEES AFTER A DARING BANK ROBBERY...

MOVE IT! ONCE WE MOVE IT  
ACROSS THE PLAZA, WE'LL  
HAVE IT MADE! NOTHING  
CAN STOP US!

ARE YOU  
SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT?

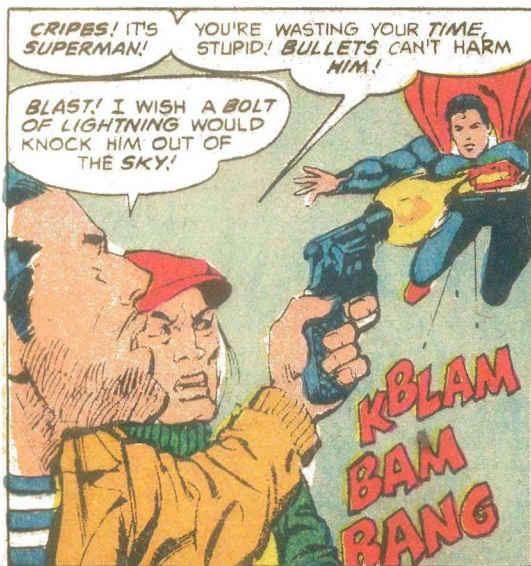


CRIPES! IT'S  
SUPERMAN!

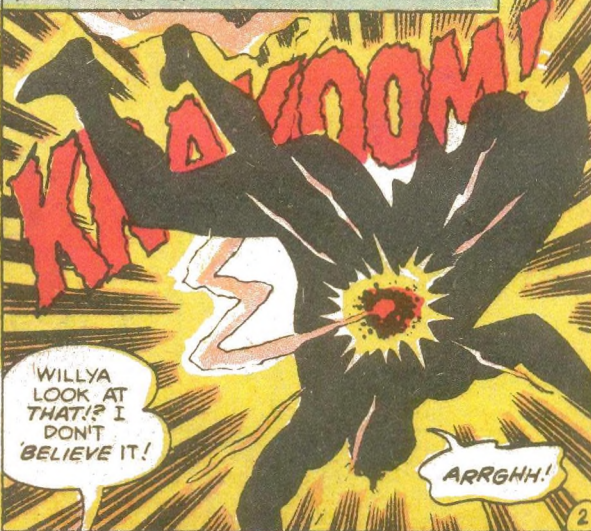
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME,  
STUPID! BULLETS CAN'T HARM  
HIM!

BLAST! I WISH A BOLT  
OF LIGHTNING WOULD  
KNOCK HIM OUT OF  
THE SKY!

KBLAM  
BAM  
BANG



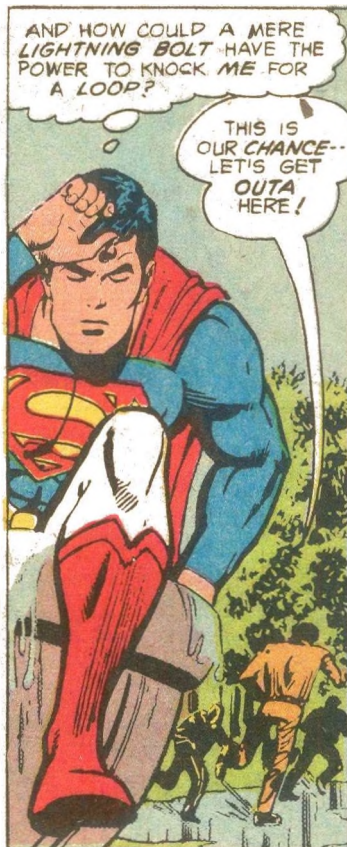
AND IN THE NEXT INCREDIBLE INSTANT...



WILLYA  
LOOK AT  
THAT!? I  
DON'T  
BELIEVE IT!

ARRGHH!







THE DAY ENDS, AND NIGHT DESCENDS ON GOTHAM CITY...

DICK\* WASN'T IN WHEN I CALLED HUDSON UNIVERSITY -- BUT HE'S PROBABLY JUST WRAPPED UP IN A CASE OF HIS OWN!

AND HERE'S WHERE I FINISH OFF MY CASE!

I'VE BEEN HOPING TO CATCH THIS CAT-BURGLAR IN THE ACT FOR WEEKS-- AND TONIGHT'S MY LUCKY NIGHT!

GASP! NO! IT'S THE BATMAN!

CAN'T SHAKE A NAGGING FEELING THOUGH-- THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ROBIN! I'D HOPED HE'D BE HOME WHEN I CALLED!

OOOOF!!

\*DICK GRAYSON, ALIAS ROBIN, THE TEEN WONDER! -- JCH

IT MAY BE ONLY MY IMAGINATION, BUT-- WHA--!?

HIS HEAD--! BURSTING INTO FLAME--!?

AND IN THE MIDST OF THE DANCING FLAMES, AN EERIE IMAGE BEGINS TO FORM...

IT-IT'S ROBIN'S FACE!

HELP ME... HE MUST BE STOPPED OR --

BUT THE WORDS ARE CHOKED OFF, AS ABRUPTLY.

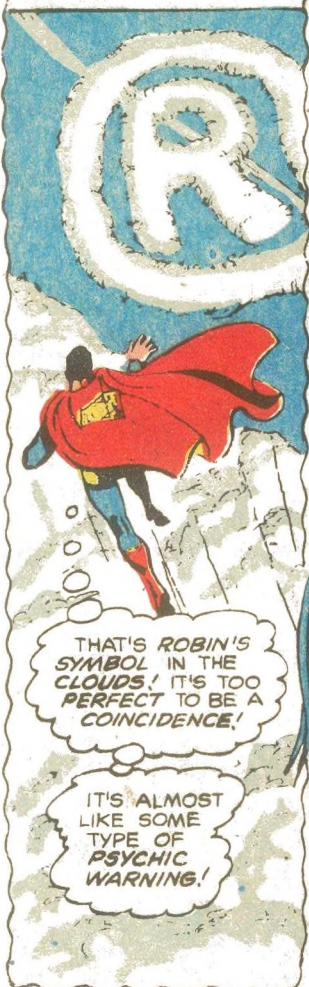
IT'S GONE! BUT IT WASN'T MY IMAGINATION! IT WAS TOO REAL!

I SEE YOU'VE HAD YOUR SHARE OF BIZARRE OCCURRENCES TODAY TOO, OLD FRIEND!





"THE CLOUDS SUDDENLY BEGAN SWIRLING AROUND ME, AND SHAPED THEMSELVES INTO A STRANGE FORMATION!"



I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, SUPERMAN-- BUT WE'D BETTER LOCATE ROBIN RIGHT AWAY!

THE POLICE CAN TAKE CARE OF THE BURGLAR NOW!

HANG ON, BUDDY! NEXT STOP--



--HUDSON UNIVERSITY, WHERE THE TEEN WONDER ATTENDS CLASSES IN HIS IDENTITY OF DICK GRAYSON--

DICK'S NOT AT HIS BOARDING HOUSE! I'LL CHECK THE HUDSON HERALD-- HE MAY BE WORKING LATE ON THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER!

MEANWHILE, I'LL SCOUR THE TOWN, IN CASE HE'S ON PATROL AS ROBIN!



THE BATMAN SEEMS WORRIED-- UNDER STRAIN... AND I DON'T BLAME HIM!





**A DIFFICULT CHORE INDEED!**  
FOR JUST WHERE *IS* THE TEEN  
WONDER? TO ANSWER THAT, WE  
MUST TURN THE CLOCK *BACK*  
TO THE *PREVIOUS DAY*, AND THE  
OFFICE OF THE *HUDSON HERALD*...

HERE'S AN ITEM  
THAT MIGHT MAKE  
AN INTERESTING  
STORY, DICK!

WHAT  
IS IT,  
KENNY?

IT'S OUT AT *WAVERLY CAVE*  
WHERE THERE'S THE *FOUR*  
*ELEMENTS MEMORIAL* HONOR-  
ING *HUDSON GRADUATES* WHO  
WERE KILLED IN THE *VIETNAM*  
WAR!

THE *ETERNAL FLAME* THAT  
BURNS THERE HAS BEEN GOING  
*OUT* FOR NO APPARENT *REASON*  
LATELY! COULD BE WORTH  
CHECKING!



BUT ON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, DICK HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS  
*ROBIN* WHO SHOULD DO THE CHECKING...

THE INCIDENT  
WITH THE *FLAME*  
IS ONLY ONE OF  
*SEVERAL STRANGE*  
*RUMORS* ABOUT  
THIS PLACE.

IT'S DEVELOPED  
QUITE A  
*REPUTATION*--  
PEOPLE ARE  
AFRAID TO COME  
OUT HERE!



AND I THINK I'VE JUST  
FOUND OUT *WHY!* OOOOF!

BEWARE, BROTHERS!  
A *HUMAN* HAS EN-  
TERED OUR *DOMAIN!*

SUBDUE  
HIM--  
QUICKLY!

OVERWHELMED BY NUMBERS,  
ROBIN WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE  
*MASTER OF THE STRANGE*  
CREATURES...

AHHH... I  
RECOGNIZE THIS *HUMAN!* HE  
IS THE *PROTEGE* OF ONE I  
HAVE FACED BEFORE--*THE*  
*BATMAN!*

SCORE ONE FOR  
YOU, MISTER! YOU  
KNOW ME--BUT  
WHO ARE YOU?

HERE IN MY  
WORLD I AM  
KNOWN AS  
*SIMON MAGUS*...

...BUT  
YOUR  
WORLD  
WILL SOON  
KNOW ME  
AS ITS  
*SUPREME*  
*RULER!*





SIMON MAGUS! THE BATMAN TOLD ME ABOUT YOU! HE TROUNCED YOU BEFORE WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

SOMEHOW YOU'VE MADE THE CAVE INTO A DOORWAY FROM YOUR MAGIC DIMENSION TO EARTH!

EXACTLY, MY ASTUTE FRIEND! YOU ARE NOW IN THE DIMENSIONAL LAND OF ASGARD, WHERE NATURAL LAWS ARE BASED ON MAGIC INSTEAD OF YOUR SCIENCE!

THOUGH SOON, THANKS TO THE POWER IN THIS MAGIC CRYSTAL, THAT WILL ALL CHANGE!

ONCE BEFORE I HELPED TO EXCHANGE THE MAGICAL ENERGIES OF MY WORLD WITH THE SCIENCE ENERGIES OF EARTH--DISRUPTING THE NATURAL ORDER FOR BOTH WORLDS!

NOW, THIS CRYSTAL IS GRADUALLY DOING THE SAME THING-- BUT WITH A DIFFERENCE!

AS THE CRYSTAL EXCHANGES THE SCIENCE ENERGY FOR THE MAGIC ENERGY, THE POWER OF BOTH WORLDS ARE BEING FUNNELED THROUGH ME!

AND WHEN THE TRANSFERENCE IS COMPLETE, I WILL BE CHARGED WITH ENOUGH OF THAT POWER TO MAKE MYSELF RULER OF BOTH WORLDS!

"THE CAVE HAS BECOME THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE TRANSFER ON YOUR WORLD, BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF ALL FOUR ANCIENT ELEMENTS--

--EARTH, AIR, FIRE, AND WATER!"

IT WOULD PLEASE ME TO END YOUR LIFE-- BUT WELL... NO MATTER!

YOU'LL HAVE TO REMAIN MY PRISONER UNTIL THE EXCHANGE OF ENERGIES IS COMPLETE!



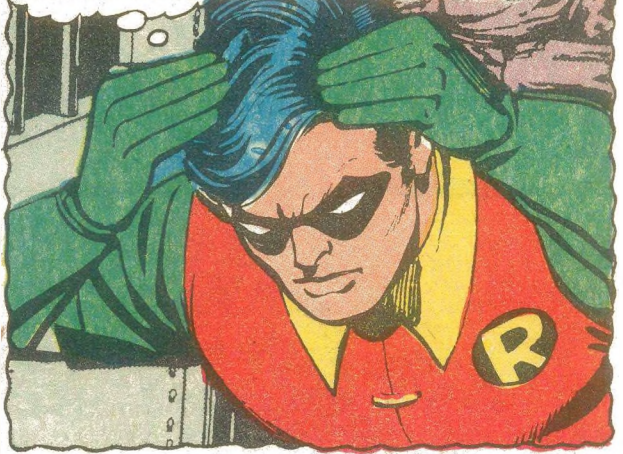
AND SO THE **TEEN WONDER** HAD BEEN IMPRISONED. HOWEVER **NOT** AS HELPLESS AS **SIMON MAGUS** BELIEVED...

IN THIS DIMENSION, THE **NATURAL ORDER** IS BASED ON **MAGIC!** THAT MEANS THAT EVEN I MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK A **SPELL!**

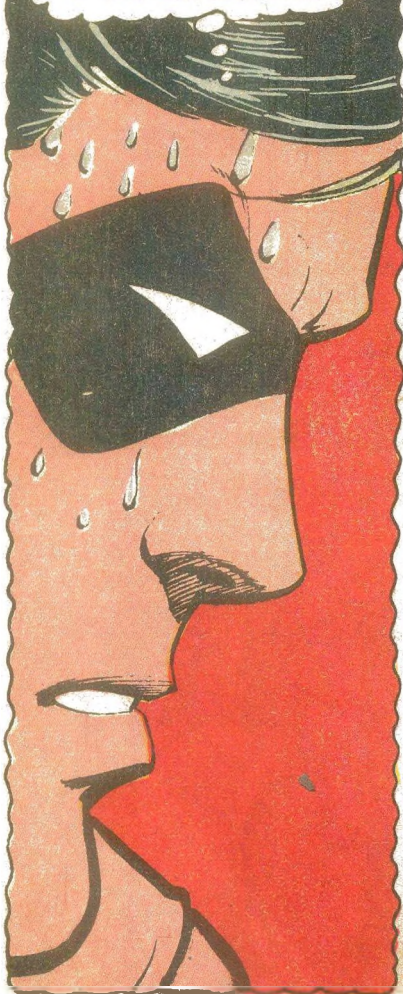
BUT I'M NO **WIZARD**-- I DON'T HAVE THE **KNOWLEDGE** TO PULL OFF ANYTHING **SPECTACULAR!**



BUT IT'S JUST **POSSIBLE** THAT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT A **PSYCHIC WARNING** THROUGH **SHEER WILL POWER!** THE **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** WERE BOTH IN THIS DIMENSION **BEFORE**-- I'LL TRY TO **REACH** THEM!



IT-IT'S **NOT WORKING!** I CAN'T TRANSMIT **ACTUAL WORDS**-- BUT MAYBE I CAN SEND **IMAGES** THAT THE **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** CAN **DECIPHER**-- I **HOPE...** UNNNN...



THE **IMAGES** WERE RECEIVED... BUT **DECIPHERING** IS ANOTHER MATTER...

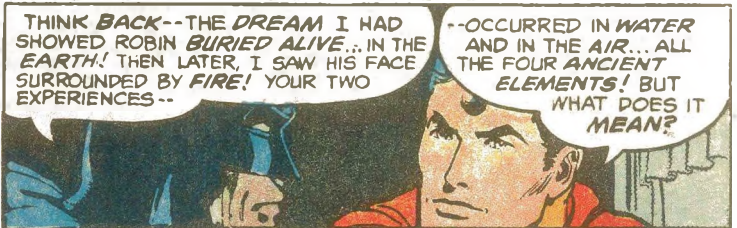
NO **LUCK**, BATMAN! I'VE **CRISS-CROSSED** THE CITY A **DOZEN TIMES**, AND THERE'S NO **SIGN** OF **ROBIN!**

I THINK I'VE **DISCOVERED** SOMETHING, **SUPERMAN!**



THINK **BACK**--THE **DREAM** I HAD SHOWED **ROBIN BURIED ALIVE...** IN THE **EARTH!** THEN LATER, I SAW HIS **FACE** SURROUNDED BY **FIRE!** YOUR TWO **EXPERIENCES**--

--OCCURRED IN **WATER** AND IN THE **AIR...** ALL THE **FOUR ANCIENT ELEMENTS!** BUT WHAT DOES IT **MEAN?**



I FOUND THIS **PHOTOGRAPH** ON **DICK'S DESK**--OF A PLACE WHERE **ALL FOUR ELEMENTS** ARE **PRESENT!**

I HAVE A **HUNCH** THAT **ROBIN** IS SOMEHOW **SENDING** US A **CLUE** THAT HE'S **HERE**--AT THE **CAVE!**



I **ALREADY** **SCANNED** THE **CAVE**, BUT WHEN **YOU** GET A **HUNCH**, I **KNOW** ENOUGH TO **TRUST** IT! WE'LL BE THERE IN **SECONDS!**





AND, SECONDS AFTERWARD...

SOMETHING IS GOING ON HERE, THAT'S FOR SURE! THAT STRANGE ENERGY MUST BE MAGICAL IN NATURE-- I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL WEAKENED!\*

\*MAGIC IS ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MAN OF STEEL. --JCH.

AND UPON ENTERING...

BLAZES! THE CAVE IS A GATEWAY INTO ANOTHER WORLD!

SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS PLACE...

IT MAY WELL BE, SUPERMAN--

--SINCE THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE TROD UPON THIS LAND!

IN THE LAND OF ASGARD TO BE PRECISE! AND AS BEFORE, SIMON MAGUS WORKS AN EVIL SPELL THAT THREATENS BOTH OUR WORLDS!

MY MAGIC HAS DETECTED HIS SPELL ONLY NOW-- AND IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO STOP HIM!

AND AS MERLIN SWIFTLY REVEALS SIMON MAGUS' PLAN...

... THAT EXPLAINS WHY THAT CROOK WAS ABLE TO CALL DOWN MAGIC LIGHTNING ON ME-- ENOUGH MAGIC ENERGY HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO EARTH TO MAKE SUCH A THING POSSIBLE!

AS I RECALL, SIMON MAGUS HAD THREE LIVES...

AS A RULER OF LAND, SEA, AND AIR, HE HAS CITADELS IN ALL THREE PLACES!

WE HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE HE COMPLETES THE SPELL! THAT MEANS SPLITTING UP!

I RECOGNIZE YOU! YOU'RE MERLIN-- THE WIZARD WHO HELPED US YEARS BACK IN THE MAGIC DIMENSION!\*

THEN-- THAT'S WHERE WE ARE NOW?





RIGHT, BATMAN!  
I'LL CHECK OUT  
HIS CITADEL IN  
THE AIR!

WHILE  
I'M  
INVESTIGATING  
HIS CITADEL  
IN THE FOREST  
PERILOUS, ON  
LAND!

AT THE SAME  
TIME, MY SPELLS  
SHALL SEEK  
HIM IN HIS  
CITADEL IN  
THE SEA!

MOMENTS LATER...

ENOUGH SCIENCE ENERGY  
HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO  
ASSARD SO THAT MOST OF  
MY POWERS WORK  
IN THIS MAGIC  
DIMENSION!

HOWEVER, I'M ONLY  
AT ABOUT HAL-  
STRENGTH HERE,  
AND MY VISION  
POWERS DON'T  
WORK AT ALL!



HERE'S SIMON'S CITADEL!  
I WON'T BOTHER TO  
KNOCK--

--GREAT MOONS  
OF KRYPTON!!  
A BALROG!

KRASH

GYAARRGH

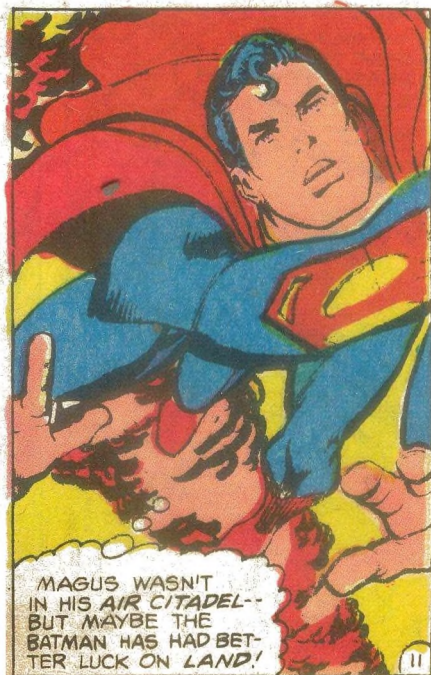
MAGUS LEFT A GUARDIAN BEHIND...  
A DEMON THAT LOOKS LIKE IT LEAPT  
OUT OF THE PAGES OF TOLKIEN'S  
LORD OF THE RINGS!

ITS STRENGTH--  
INCREDIBLE!

WITH ALL MY POWERS IT WOULD  
BE A TOUGH Foe TO BEAT--AND  
IN MY WEAKENED CONDITION  
I'M NO MATCH FOR IT!

UNNNNGH!  
ITS MAGIC  
FIRE--  
BURNING  
ME!







WHILE TREKKING THROUGH THE FOREST PERILOUS...

MAGUS' LAND CITADEL IS NOT FAR FROM HERE... BUT I'VE GOT TO BE ON MY GUARD!

THE LAST TIME I WAS IN THIS FOREST, THE VERY TREES CAME ALIVE TO ATTACK ME!

UNNGH! AND THIS TIME IT'S SOMETHING WORSE--

--SKELETONS!

THESE RATTLING NIGHTMARES AREN'T VERY SOLID! BUT A GOOD KICK--

--WILL HAVE THEM GO ALL TO PIECES!

CRACKLAGS

THESE CREATURES AREN'T ALIVE-- JUST ANIMATED BY SOME NECROMANCY OF MAGUS!

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THEM IS TO SMASH THEM TO BITS!

CRACKLOOM

NO! I LET ONE GET TOO CLOSE! --GASP!-- HE'S GOT ME IN A STRANGLE HOLD!

... CAN'T BREATHE... COUGH!

SKELETON... IS TOO STRONG! CAN'T... BREAK ITS GRIP!

WEAKENING... FAST! --GASP!--



STRUGGLING DESPERATELY TO KEEP FROM BLACKING OUT, THE DARKNIGHT DETECTIVE SUDDENLY SHIFTS HIS WEIGHT, AND...

...A JUDO THROW...  
WILL FLIP THIS  
MONSTER OFF  
MY BACK--

--AND  
THAT  
FINISHES  
HIM!



MINUTES LATER, AFTER  
A SWIFT INVESTIGATION  
OF THE LAND CITADEL...

BATMAN! MAGUS  
WASN'T IN HIS  
AIR-CASTLE!  
ANY LUCK HERE?

NO, OLD FRIEND!  
NOR IS THERE ANY  
TRACE OF ROBIN!  
WE'VE WASTED  
PRECIOUS TIME!  
BUT THERE'S ONLY  
ONE PLACE HE  
CAN BE NOW!



HOWEVER...

--YOU SAY HE'S NOT IN  
HIS SEA CITADEL  
EITHER, MERLIN?

NO... FOR  
ALTHOUGH MY  
MAGIC POWERS  
ARE RAPIDLY FADING  
AS THE SCIENCE  
ENERGY FILLS THIS  
DIMENSION, THEY  
ARE YET STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
REVEAL THAT!



THEN, WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS! AND BY  
THE TIME WE SEARCH THIS WHOLE DIMENSION,  
THE TRANSFER WILL BE COMPLETE!

YES... AND THIS TIME, IT WILL BE PERMANENT!  
THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO REVERSE THE  
SPELL!

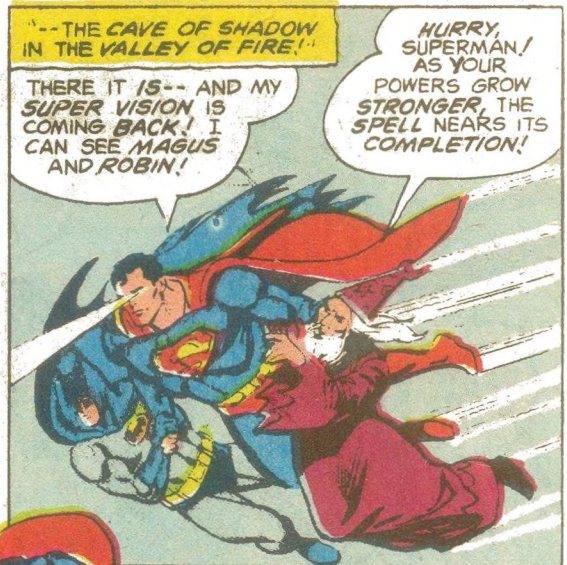


SOMETHING HAS JUST  
OCCURRED TO ME! WE  
TRACKED MAGUS ON  
LAND, SEA, AND AIR--  
HIS THREE DOMAINS!

YET ROBIN'S WARNING  
TO US INCLUDED A  
FOURTH ELEMENT--  
FIRE!!









AND AS THE BATMAN HESITATES BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN FOR ROBIN...

IN MERE SECONDS, THE SPELL WILL BE COMPLETE AND IRREVERSIBLE! AND I--

CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!



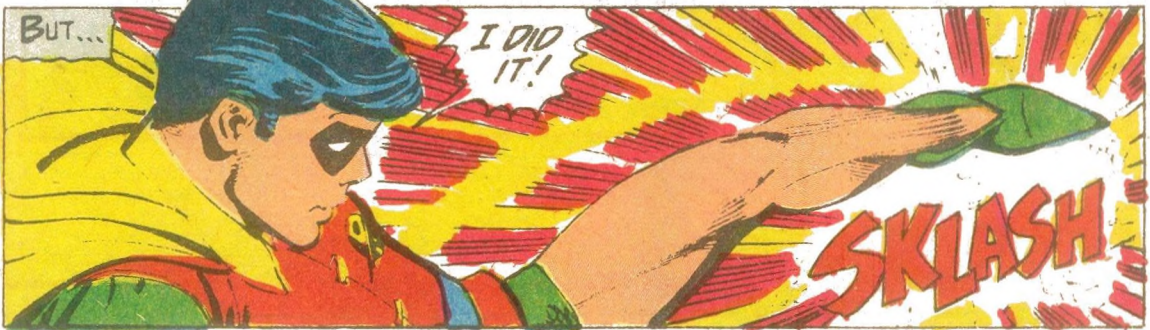
HEEDLESS OF HIS OWN SAFETY, THE TEEN WONDER DASHES FORWARD...

STOP! STOP OR I WILL FIRE!



BUT...

I DID IT!



GREAT WORK, ROBIN! YOU'VE STOPPED THE TRANSFER AND ENDED THE THREAT!

NOW I'LL NAB MAGUS BEFORE HIS MAGIC POWERS RETURN TO HIM!



THAT TOOK COURAGE, ROBIN! I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY MAGUS DIDN'T FIRE AT YOU!

IT WAS A CALCULATED RISK, BATMAN! I FELT CERTAIN HE WAS BLUFFING...

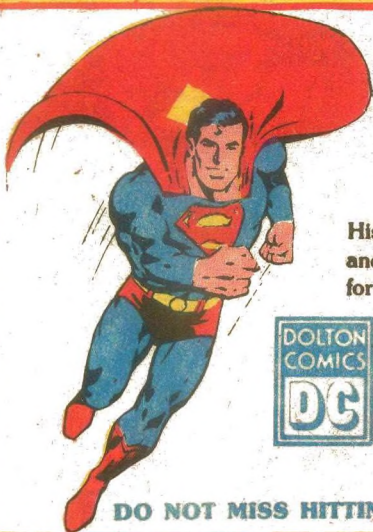


...HE SAID EARLIER THAN HE'D HAVE TO KEEP ME PRISONER UNTIL THE SPELL WAS COMPLETE! I FIGURED HIS KILLING ME WOULD UPSET THE BALANCE OF HIS SPELL!

THOUGH NOW HIS SPELL IS ENDED ANYWAY, AND MAGUS LIES DEFEATED-- BY THE FINEST TEAM OF TWO WORLDS!





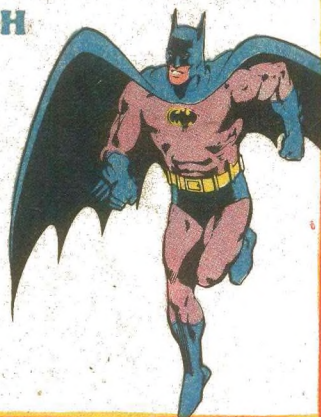


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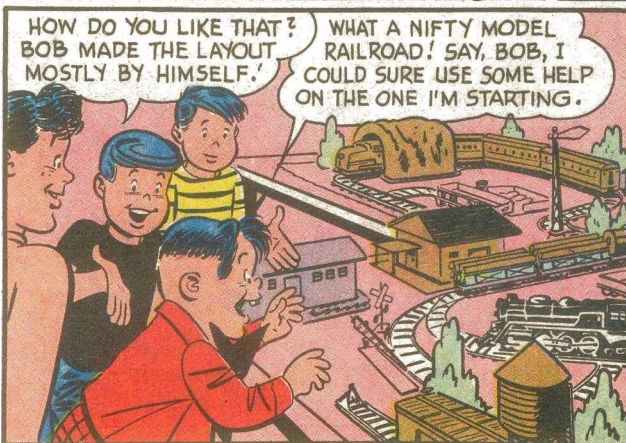
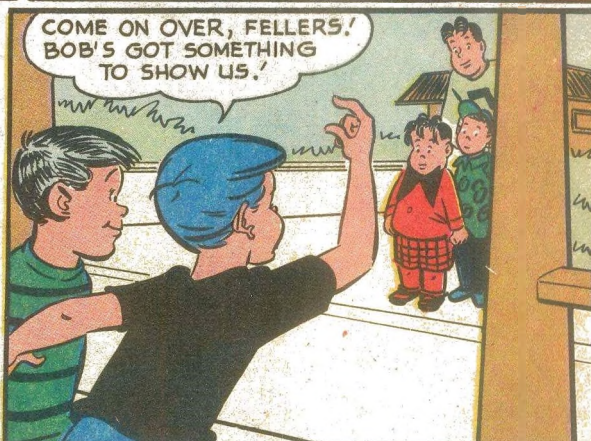
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# Binky shows "HOW TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS!"





"FIFTEEN,  
SIXTEEN,  
SEVENTEEN..."

"IT'S THE WEE HOURS. MOST  
PEOPLE AT THIS TIME ARE  
COUNTING SHEEP. I'M OUT  
HERE, COUNTING THE FLOORS  
OF THIS SKYSCRAPER..."

"NINETEEN, TWENTY,  
TWENTY-ONE..."

"I'VE HEARD THAT THERE'S A  
BREAK-IN IN PROGRESS ON  
THE THIRTIETH FLOOR. I  
HOPE I REACH IT BEFORE I  
PASS OUT..."

"THE AIR GETS  
MIGHTY *THIN*  
UP HERE!"

Green  
Arrow

"GETTING UP!"

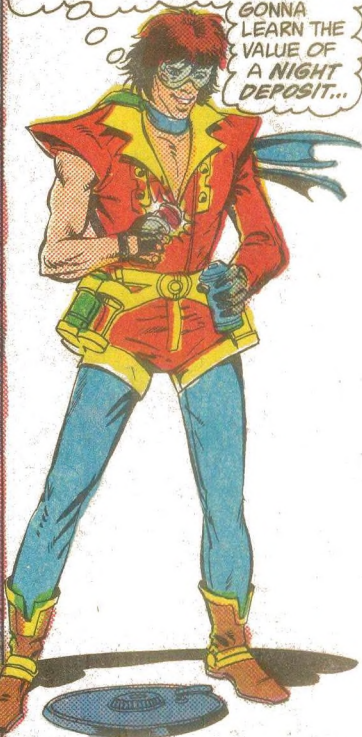
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THINNER YET ARE GREEN ARROWS REASONS FOR LEAPING THAT TALL BUILDING IN SEVERAL BOUNDS...

...PERHAPS HE'D BE ENCOURAGED IF HE'D SEEN WHAT HAPPENED A FEW HOURS EARLIER, AT A GALLERY IN STAR CITY'S ARTIST COLONY...

THE GALLERY'S OWNER PROBABLY HADN'T HAD A CHANCE TO DELIVER TONIGHT'S TAKE TO THE BANK. HE'S GONNA LEARN THE VALUE OF A NIGHT DEPOSIT...



THIS IS A BUSINESS TRIP!



THESE TWO SPRAY-CANS, USED TOGETHER, RELEASE A POWERFUL ACID... ONE TOO STRONG TO BE CONTAINED IN JUST ONE CAN!

THEY'VE BEEN PROFITING OFF MY TALENT HERE... SO I'LL JUST HELP MYSELF TO A PERCENTAGE!

...MINE!

THEY'VE EXPLOITED ME FOR TOO LONG-- TAKEN THE MONEY AND THE CREDIT THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO--

A ONE-HUNDRED PERCENTAGE!

YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!





DOING?  
WHY, I'M  
DANCING,  
OF COURSE!

IT'S A  
LITTLE  
STEP  
CALLED  
THE  
OZONE  
SHUFFLE!

YOU--  
YOU  
WHAT?



IT'S REAL EASY TO LEARN.  
YOU PUT YOUR LEFT  
FOOT IN...

YOU DO A  
TWO-STEP  
INTO THE NICE,  
SLIPPERY  
FOAM!..



...AND FALL FLAT ON YOUR  
BACK! THEN, BEGIN THE BEGUINE  
ALL OVER AGAIN!

OH... MIND  
IF I BORROW  
THIS?



I MEAN...  
YOU'RE NOT  
USING IT FOR  
ANYTHING, ANYWAY.  
YOU GO IN FOR  
MODERN ART?



I CAN'T GET  
UP! I KEEP  
SLIPPING  
ON THIS... STUPID  
STUFF!



"STUPID STUFF??" IT'S GREAT STUFF!  
IT'S GOT A MILLION AND ONE USES!  
WATCH!

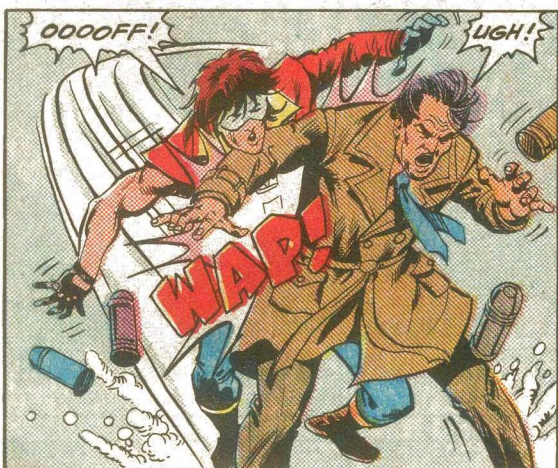
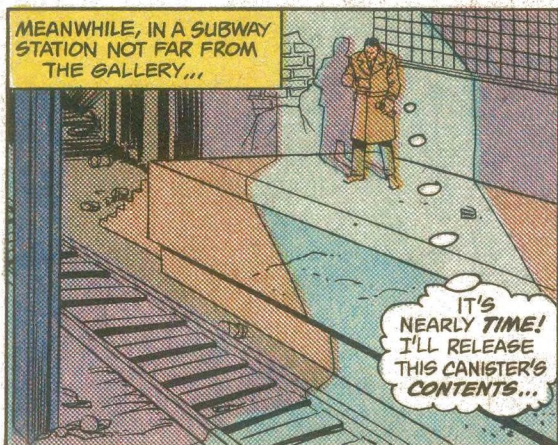
I SPRAY SOME  
RIGHT IN FRONT  
OF ME... SHIFT MY  
WEIGHT INTO IT  
AND...



SURF'S  
UP!

LATER!







MEANWHILE, THE MIDNIGHT OIL BURNS LOW IN THE OFFICES OF THE *DAILY STAR*, A GREAT METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER...



...LET'S SEE... I KNOW IT'S "I" BEFORE "E" EXCEPT AFTER "O"...

BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS! "HEINOUS" DOESN'T HAVE A "C" IN IT!

HIYA, OLLIE!

HEY! RICK! WHAT BRINGS YOU AROUND HERE? I THOUGHT YOUR "HI-TEK" DAYS WERE OVER!



OH, THEY ARE! I... I WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I THOUGHT I'D STOP IN.

I WAS SORTA HOPING I'D RUN INTO YOU! YOU ALWAYS WORK THIS LATE?

NAW. I WAS JUST TRYIN' TO GET AHEAD OF THE GAME. IF I FINISH SIX COLUMNS AHEAD OF TIME, I CAN TAKE A WEEK'S VACATION.



SAY--AH-- IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, I CAN ASK GEORGE TO PUT YOU ON STAFF AS A COPY BOY.

WOW! THAT'D BE GREAT! YOU THINK YOU CAN ARRANGE IT?

ARRANGE IT? AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU START NOW! FIRST JOB: LOOK UP "HEINOUS" FOR ME!



UM-- WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A POLICE RADIO... I BUILT IT MYSELF!

RICK, THE PAPER ALREADY HAS A--

YOU BUILT THIS?



SURE! LISTEN!

I'M ONTO HIM. HE'S BROKEN INTO THE "MALEMAN" MAGAZINE BUILDING!



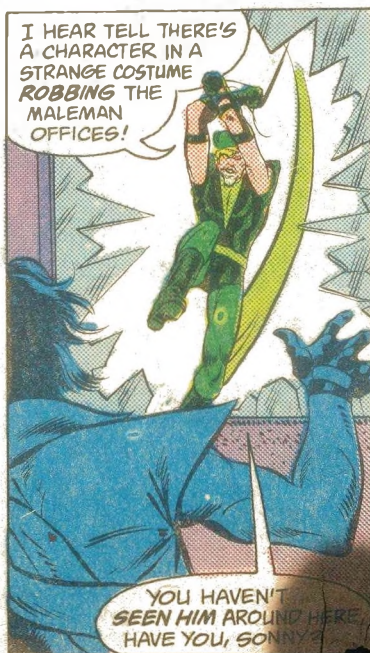
HE'S USED THE EQUIPMENT ON HIS COSTUME TO GET IN THROUGH A THIRTIETH-FLOOR WINDOW! WILL PURSUE!

THAT TEARS IT! BYE-BYE VACATION!

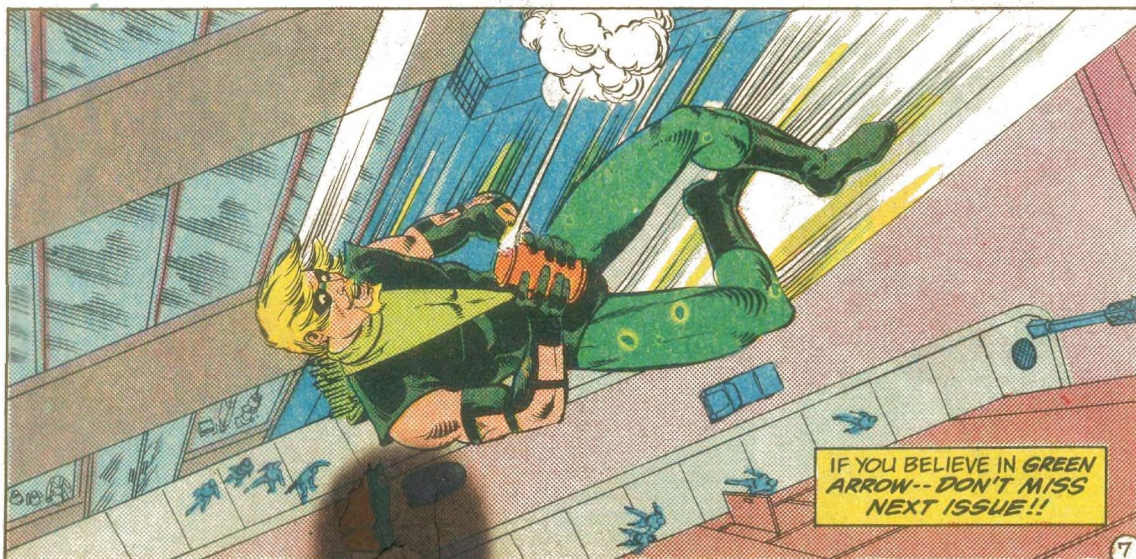
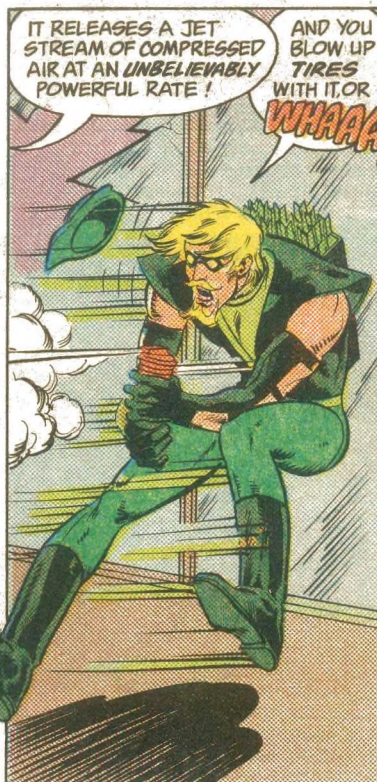
THE MALEMAN BUILDING! CAN I COME TOO... AND HELP YOU INVESTIGATE?

NO, YOU WAIT HERE, KID...











"RIGHT THIS  
SECOND, I'M..."

**Green  
Arrow**

"THE NEXT SECOND,  
I MAY BE A GREEN  
SPLOTCH ON THE  
PAVEMENT!"

"SOME CHARACTER NAMED  
OZONE LOBBED THIS  
COMPRESSED AIR JET  
INTO MY HANDS... AND  
LIKE A FOOL, I CAUGHT IT!"

"THIS GADGET'S GOT ME  
SAILING OUT A WINDOW--  
THIRTY STORIES UP!"

"CORRECTION: THIRTY  
STORIES DOWN!"

GETTING UP TO:

# Poisoned Art

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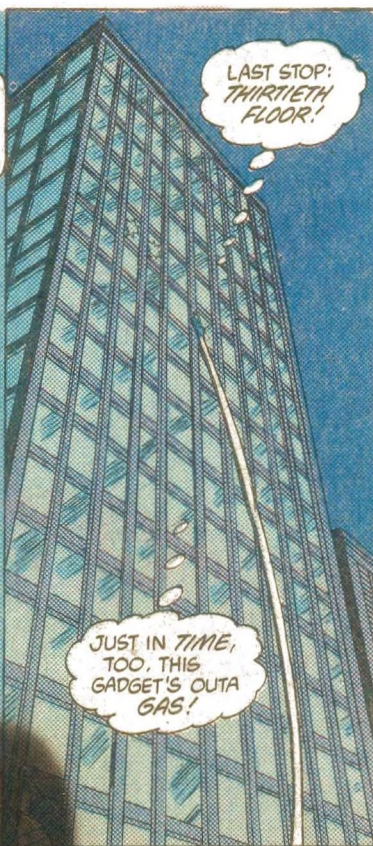
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THE MAN LEFT SO FAST HE FORGOT HIS OBJET D'ART!

WHAT DID YOU WANT WITH HIM? I HEARD YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT A CANISTER.

AH, BUT THE FINEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE LOST ON YOU, AREN'T THEY? NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

I COULDN'T TELL YOU IF I WANTED TO. YOU DON'T HAVE CLEARANCE!



IT'S CLEARANCE I NEED, IS IT?

YOU KNOW, THE LABELS ON THESE SPRAYCANS READ, "DO NOT PUNCTURE OR INCINERATE CAN."



YOU WANT TO SEE WHY?

ALL RIGHT!

I'M SURE THE COMPANY CAN ABSORB THE SECURITY LOSS!



THE COMPANY?

THE Z.Z.Z. IT'S A GOVERNMENT SCIENCE AGENCY, TO WHICH I BELONG!

WE SPECIALIZE IN DEVELOPING NEW WEAPONRY, AND NOW, WE'RE EXPERIMENTING WITH TOXINS.

THE CANISTER THAT JOKER STOLE CONTAINS A LOW-LEVEL, WEAK STRAIN OF BOTULIN TOXIN. MY MISSION WAS TO DISPERSE THE TOXIN THROUGH STAR CITY'S SEWAGE SYSTEM, TO SEE HOW FAR IT WOULD SPREAD.



NOW, IF I FIGURE RIGHT... OZONE HAS THIS THING BUT HAS NO IDEA WHAT'S IN IT!

I SHOULD HOPE NOT! IF HE OPENS IT, HE'S A DEAD MAN!

THE FULL VOLUME OF THE TOXIN-- RELEASED AT ONCE-- WOULD KILL HIM AND GO ON TO CONTAMINATE THE ENTIRE CITY!



OH, FINE! AND YOU WERE GOING TO RELEASE THIS STUFF INTO THE SUBWAY?

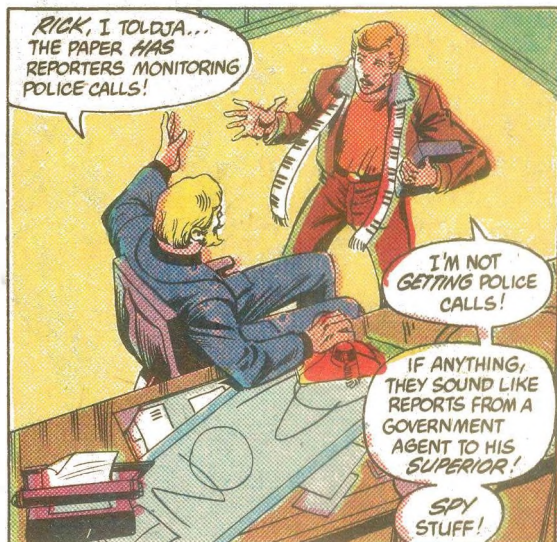
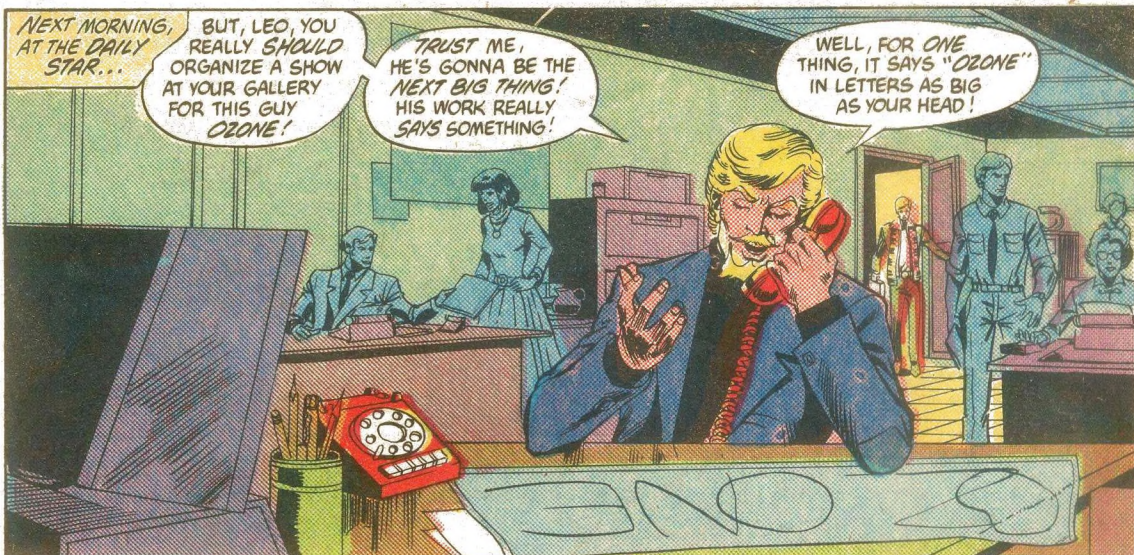
WHY AM I CHASING AFTER OZONE AND LETTING YOU GO FREE?

COME BACK! WAIT FOR THE OTHER OPERATIVES TO ARRIVE!

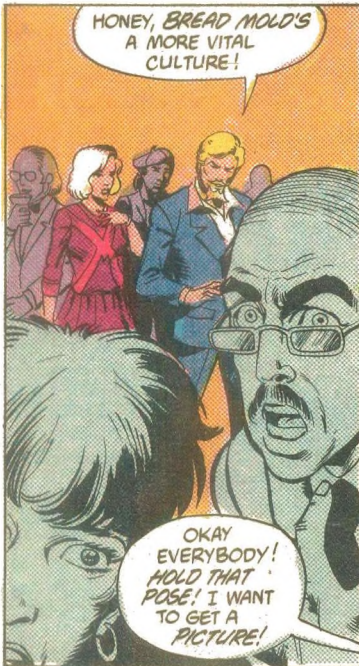
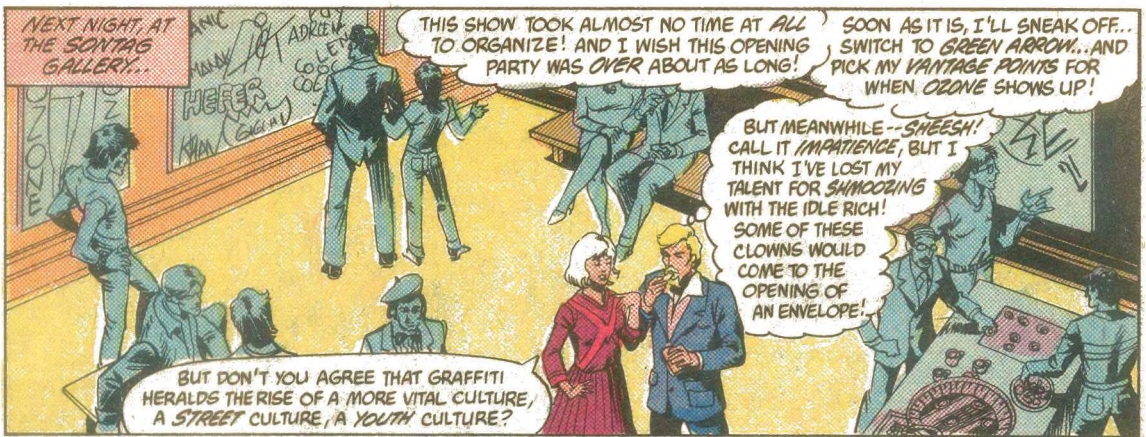
YOU HAVE TO BE DEBRIEFED!

FELLA... YOU CAN DEBRIEF YOURSELF!







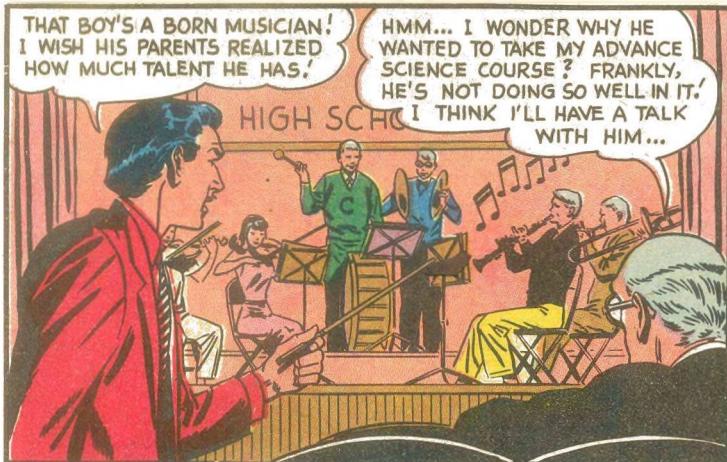








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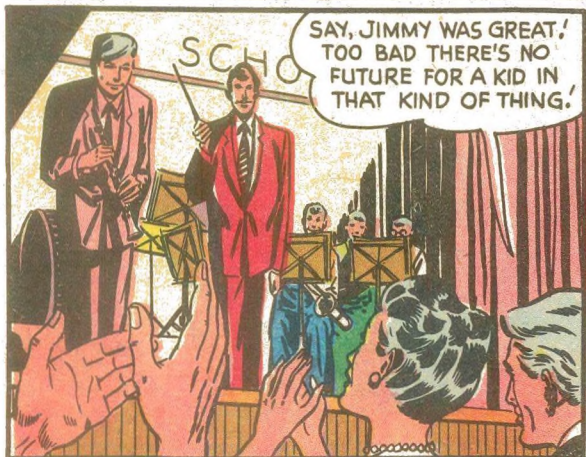


THAT BOY'S A BORN MUSICIAN! I WISH HIS PARENTS REALIZED HOW MUCH TALENT HE HAS.

HMM... I WONDER WHY HE WANTED TO TAKE MY ADVANCE SCIENCE COURSE? FRANKLY, HE'S NOT DOING SO WELL IN IT. I THINK I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH HIM...

...SO THAT'S IT, MR. LANE! I THOUGHT I'D BE INTERESTED IN THIS COURSE, BUT I'M NOT. I HATE TO GIVE IT UP BECAUSE MY DAD'S SET HIS HEART ON MY BEING AN ENGINEER! HE SAYS MUSIC IS ALL RIGHT FOR A HOBBY, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE A LIVING IN IT.

I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THIS, JIMMY, AND I'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR DAD AFTER THE PTA CONCERT TONIGHT. MAYBE WE COULD TALK THIS OVER.



SAY, JIMMY WAS GREAT! TOO BAD THERE'S NO FUTURE FOR A KID IN THAT KIND OF THING.

THERE'S A LOT IN WHAT YOU SAY, MR. LANE, BUT ISN'T IT FUNNY FOR A SCIENCE TEACHER TO **DISCOURAGE** A STUDENT FROM TAKING ADVANCE WORK IN SCIENCE?

NOT IF HE'S A BOY WHOSE HEART IS IN SOMETHING ELSE!



I THINK YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A CHANCE TO DEVELOP **ALL** THEIR TALENTS. THEN THEY CAN CHOOSE A VOCATION ON THE BASIS OF **REAL** INTEREST AND ABILITY! THAT'S THE FORMULA FOR TRUE SUCCESS!

GOSH, MR. LANE, WHAT DID YOU SAY TO DAD? KNOW WHAT HE TOLD ME? TO GO AHEAD WITH MUSIC, AND IF I REALLY AM A GOOD MUSICIAN, HE'S ALL FOR IT!

GOOD! AND WHEN YOU'RE READY TO THINK SOME MORE ABOUT YOUR CHOICE OF CAREER, COME IN AGAIN AND TALK IT OVER!



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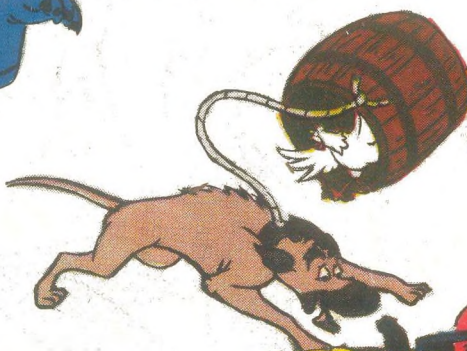
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